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DELAY IN NHDP PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of NHDP projects which were delayed due to changes in design and specifications;

(b) the names of the construction companies who delayed the said projects;

(c) whether the said factors were not taken into consideration earlier and if not, reasons for granting approval of Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of such projects; and

(d) the action taken against the consultant for submission of faulty DPR which resulted in loss of time and delay in execution of work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a) to (d) Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) of works under NHDP are prepared as per Ministry's specifications and Indian Road Congress (IRC) codes of practices / manuals and guidelines. Projects get delayed due to various reasons like poor performance of contractors, delay in obtaining forest/wild life clearances, delay in land acquisition/utility shifting, law & order problems in some States etc. List of projects under implementation, which have been delayed due to various reasons is annexed.

Change in scope of some of the projects is necessary to account for actual site conditions, natural calamities and additional local public demands. Like in respect of some of the projects in the State of Bihar the DPRs of the projects were to be modified due to unprecedented floods during 2007 and 2008 between Muzaffarpur and Koshi Bridge as well as Koshi Bridge to Simrahi for the safety of the structures, whereas original DPR was prepared on the basis of High Flood Level of 2004. Wherever design modifications are required vis-Ã -vis design provided for in DPR, due to reasons other than those beyond the control of the consultant, action is taken against the design consultant as per contractual provision.